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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to urge you to be harsh with Microsoft. Go for the kill. Either fine them no less than their entire cash reserve (\$62 Billion at last count) or break them into no less than 5 pieces. (1. consumer operating systems 2. office productivity 3. enterprise operating systems 4. web server 5. database server) Their anti-competitive practices have hurt the software and computing industry more than could ever be known. The prices we pay for software from them (well, you pay, I stopped buying) is analogous to paying upwards of \$15.00 for a gallon of gas from Standard Oil.

Free software is available that competes with all of their products, yet through either buying out their competitors or marketing them to death, consumers either no longer have a choice or don't know about their choices.

Don't be soft with them. They have been found to be in violation of anti trust law, so now is not the time for weak settlements.

Sincerely,
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